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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Natsuhiko MORI, et al

Group Art Unit: 3726

Application No.: 10/038,661

Examiner: Eric B. Compton

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For: SINTERED OIL RETAINING BEARING AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND SPINDLE MOTOR FOR INFORMATION EQUIPMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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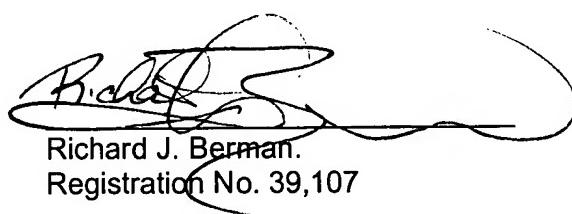
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